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To: County Superintendents of Schools, County Auditors,
and County Treasurers

From: Janet Sterling, Director
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Subject: Notice of the First Apportionment for the Morgan-Hart Program to Reduce Class
Size in Grade Nine, Fiscal Year 2001-02

This apportionment, in the amount of \$92,706,068, has been made from funds provided by Item 6110-232-0001 of the 2001 Budget Act (Chapter 106, Statutes of 2001). This apportionment supports the Morgan-Hart Program to Reduce Class Size in Grade 9 pursuant to *Education Code* sections 52080 through 52090. Incentive funding is provided to participating local educational agencies (LEAs) to reduce class size to an average of 20 students to 1 teacher in grade 9 English classes and one additional subject (mathematics, science, or social studies). Upon receipt of this apportionment, each LEA listed on the attached schedule will have received provisional program funding based on the fiscal year 2001-02 application. Amounts are enrollment based and capped at the October 2001 California Basic Education Data System (CBEDS) enrollment.

Final funding will rely on data reported on the fiscal year 2001-02 J-9 MH-A, Report of Enrollment, that will be mailed to LEAs in June 2002. Each participating LEA is required to submit a J-9 MH-A to identify the actual full year equivalent enrollment for participating schools. In addition, the LEA must certify that each participating school has maintained an average of no more than 20 students to 1 teacher for participating classes. Once the J-9 MH-A forms are processed, additional funds due to LEAs will be paid in a separate apportionment. Overpaid amounts will be reduced from the next fiscal year's Morgan-Hart apportionment, or invoiced if the LEA is no longer participating.

Warrants will be mailed to each county treasurer approximately four weeks from the date of this Notice. For standardized account code structure (SACS) coding, use Resource Code 1200, Class Size Reduction, Grades 9-12, and Revenue Object Code 8435, Class Size Reduction, Grades 9-12. For non-SACS coding, use Income Account Code 8435, Class Size Reduction, Grades 9-12. County superintendents of schools are requested to inform LEAs immediately of all data regarding this apportionment.

The Morgan-Hart Class Size Reduction program is included in the charter school block grant funding model pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 47630) of Part 26.8 of the *Education Code*. Therefore, charter schools that are participating in the model will receive their Morgan-Hart funding as part of the categorical component of the charter school block grant that is allocated as part of the principal apportionment. The enrollment for these charter schools has been excluded from the enrollment data that generate Morgan-Hart funding for their chartering agency. Charter schools that are not participating in the charter school block grant funding model will receive their Morgan-Hart Class Size Reduction program funding through their chartering agency.

If you have any questions regarding this apportionment or the payment process, please contact either Julie Woonacott at (916) 323-1314 or by e-mail (jwoonaco@cde.ca.gov), or Ross Valentine at (916) 327-4405 or by e-mail (rvalenti@cde.ca.gov). Program related questions may be directed to Mary Ann Goodwin at (916) 445-7757 or by e-mail (mgoodwin@cde.ca.gov).

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